(iii) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

(v) Watershed Development Programme (WDP)

(vi) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

(vii) Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

These schemes are designed to provide employment and generate income, thereby improving the living conditions of the rural poor, besides contributing to overall development of rural areas.

National Policy on barren land management

4312. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate National Policy on barren land management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. However, Department of Land Resources implements three area development programmes *viz.* Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for improving the productivity of barren/wastelands. All these programmes are implemented on watershed basis. All wastelands programmes would be carried under Hariyali from 1.4.2003 onwards.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Drinking water to villages of Shimla

†4313. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications of people of three villages Thali, Jangla and Badiyara under ChadaonTehsil of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh as well as the proposal passed by gram panchayat, Jangla for providing drinking water to these villages;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.